

Ripon, 5/16. 1876.

My dear George,

Your letter with
the bills enclosed came safe. Accept
my thanks for the kindness intended.
The appearance of the bills reminds
me of the old times; a sort of
feeling one has when sick of
the new all the second time.

I am glad you are well. And,
now, what are you going to do
in July or August? I have got
to have a rest, and I am tempted
to run up and see you and Tracy.
How is Tracy getting on? Do
you know one from near
thereabouts by the name of
Wallace Pierce? a fine young
man? Is there good hunting &
fishing near you?

Give my love to Mrs. W.
and the babies.

Ever your friend,
E. H. Merrill.

Geo. W. West, Esq.